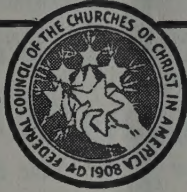


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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

A Prayer for the Village Minister

COUNSELLING the sad and weak;
Hast'ning words of cheer to speak
To the lowly and the least;
Smiling at a wedding feast;
Helping blind, rebellious youth
Into patience, vision, truth.
Teaching downcast hearts to hope;
Clasping feeble hands that grope
When the earth scenes fade, and dim
Eyes look anxiously to him.
Kind, familiarized with death—
As wert Thou of Nazareth.

Now a little child to christen,
Now a patient hour to listen
To a burdened father's woes,
Up and down the street he goes,
Sharing every smile and tear,
Counting not his own life dear.
Walk beside him all his days
In our small town's devious ways;
Rest him, Lord, with birds and bees,
And the whispering of trees.
He whose days are one long giving—
Keep in him the joy of living.

—BERTHA GERNEAUX WOODS.

How Church Federation Weathered the Storm

THE FOUR years of depression have severely tested the strength of the interest in church coöperation which had been developed during the preceding quarter of a century. The results of the testing have been diverse. When a terrific windstorm sweeps over field and forest, an observer who follows the path of the storm can see how differently the trees have been affected. In some places

they are uprooted, in other places they are twisted and broken. In still other places, where roots went deep and the trees were well nourished and flexible, there are broken branches but the trunks stand erect.

When the storm of depression struck the land there were fifty cities which had councils of churches with salaried secretarial service. After four years of breasting the gale only three councils have dispensed with all employed service. All the remaining forty-seven have reduced budgets, or staffs, or both, but have carried on continuously and courageously. Few institutions dependent on voluntary support have done better.

The first conclusion from an examination of the present situation is that there has been a spirit of consecrated determination on the part of employed officers who would not be downed. Despite all buffetings, they have stayed by the work.

The next conclusion is that in some quarters there has been a decided growth of interest in the Christian life and work of the community as a whole. Loyalty to communion and loyalty to community have not been found to be necessarily antagonistic. Even under the pressure to cut off all the resources for interdenominational work, there were those who knew that many great tasks must be achieved coöperatively or not at all, and who were willing to make sacrifices to keep the coöperative movement alive and functioning.

A third conclusion is that the coöperative program has in it a large place for volunteer leadership. Those who had established habits of working together under salaried leadership have been willing to carry on as best they could temporarily when funds were no longer available for continuing on the former basis. There

is now reason to hope that more adequate resources can be secured. In several cities financial campaigns have just been completed for the securing of funds for next season's coöperative work and in nearly every case the returns are better than they were a year ago.

This much at least is clear—that the interest in church coöperation has no mere surface rootage but reaches down deep enough into the lives of a sufficient number of Christians to give assurance of future growth.

The Dawn of a New Coöperation

NOTHING HAS happened in a decade that holds brighter promise for a larger coöperation among the churches than the recent decision of four national interdenominational bodies to pursue a united program in building up strong interdenominational agencies in all the states of the Union. As a result of several conferences of interdenominational executives, the Federal Council of Churches, the International Council of Religious Education, the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions, have agreed that their field representatives shall constitute, in effect, a common staff and work together to build up a single coöperative agency in each state.

Concretely, they propose the following policies for strengthening the spirit and practice of coöperation in state and local areas:

1. A general interchange of information regarding major field itineraries of members of the several national staffs and major program activities in the field.
2. The field representative of each of the agencies to become a coöperating member of the field-planning and program-building body of the other agencies.
3. A united effort to establish an inclusive coöperative agency in each state where there is now no recognized provision for interdenominational coöperation.
4. In states or areas where provision exists for interdenominational coöperation only in certain functions, a united use of the agencies already established in developing coöperation in other functions.
5. In the states where interdenominational agencies have merged or are in process of merging, a unified plan for giving counsel and assistance. One member of the coöperating field staffs will, by mutual agreement between them and the leaders of the merging or merged organizations, be designated as the person responsible for primary contacts and continuous consultation, and he will keep the other staff members in touch with developments by regular reports and consultation.

While the several national interdenominational agencies are definitely committed to such a unification of field efforts, they will leave to the local forces the initiative in bringing about any merging of their own functions and organizations.

The greatest need in the coöperative movement is the strengthening of the state-units. The new plan for a common program on the part of four great national agencies in their relations with the various states affords high hope for a far more efficient coöperative structure for Protestantism throughout the nation.

Whom the Churches Delight to Honor!

THE RETIREMENT of Dr. Charles L. Goodell and Dr. Sidney L. Gulick from administrative responsibilities in the Federal Council of Churches on July 1 (though not from a continuing relationship of counsel and active personal help) is an occasion for recalling the unique service which they have rendered to the whole Church of Christ.

No man in America has done so much in the twentieth century to redeem the word "evangelism" from certain unfortunate connotations and to restore to it its true glory as Dr. Goodell. When he came to the Council sixteen years ago the term "evangelism" had become identified in the minds of many with a sensational and superficial type of revivalism. Dr. Goodell has made us see that evangelism is not the business merely of a professional revivalist but of every Christian. He has shown evangelism to be not a method, but a spirit—the outpouring of the soul of a man who has had a first-hand experience of God so vitalizing that he cannot but testify to what he has known. He has also helped uniquely to keep the emphasis where it always must be kept—on the individual heart. He has made it luminously clear that in every struggle for a better social order the final issue is a spiritual issue and that we can never have a Christian society without Christ-like men and women to compose it.

No man in America has done so much in the twentieth century to arouse the conscience of the churches against war as Dr. Gulick. When he began his work in the Council twenty years ago, there was only the most meagre activity in the churches in behalf of world peace. To-day, the churches are widely recognized as the most potent influence for international understand-

ing and goodwill. Dr. Gulick has made Christians see that their loyalty to the Prince of Peace requires that they, more than any others, must be intelligent and devoted peacemakers. The "International Ideals of the Churches," which Dr. Gulick first drafted, have been a trumpet call arousing the churches to a new sense of Christian opportunity and duty. He has given us a clear vision of the Church of Christ as a world fellowship, rising above every barrier of race and nation and standing against all that divides and separates men from God and one another.

Toward an Understanding of Labor Unrest

THE LAYMAN may have difficulty in seeing any reason for the strikes which have swept the country since last August. Without an understanding of the causes of unrest there may be a disposition to criticize labor as unreasonable and as failing to play its part in national coöperation.

The vast majority of strikes during the first months of the N. R. A. were due to an effort by labor to defend its right to the wages and hours stipulated in the codes, or its right of collective bargaining which is sanctioned by the National Industrial Recovery Act. That act has undoubtedly given an enormous stimulus to labor organization, but in great numbers of instances the right to organize has not been recognized in practice. Workers who took the lead in joining labor unions have been summarily discharged, thus precipitating widespread strikes in defense of collective bargaining. An additional cause of strikes, now beginning to be widely felt, is that cost of living has been advancing in some cases more rapidly than wages. The workers' margin above the subsistence level is so slight that they immediately feel the pinch of increased prices. A more wholehearted willingness to enter into collective agreements with organized labor and a more effective control of the price situation would go far toward restoring industrial peace.

The churches have long stood for the right of labor as well as employers to organize. Under the N. R. A. employers are in effect organized one hundred per cent through trade associations, and in the code authorities under government supervision. Even with the rapid increase of labor organization in many industries, probably not over twenty per cent of

industrial workers yet belong to unions. This great inequality of bargaining power has led some ministers to give active assistance to labor organization efforts. In some industrial sections parish houses have been made available for union meetings, and ministers have spoken at meetings in the interest of organization, citing the social ideals of the churches, giving encouragement and counsel. While the normal function of the average church in relation to industry is doubtless chiefly that of education as to basic principle and motive—such activities have the effect of convincing the industrial workers of the sincerity of the churches' stand for the right of labor to organize. If America is to escape the fate of the European countries where labor has become estranged from the Church and antagonistic to religion, it will be because our religious forces play a vital rôle in helping to secure social justice.

A Truly Christian Appeal

THE OPPORTUNITY to help the refugees from Germany is one that should commend itself heartily to all Christians. The very fact that the major part of these refugees belong to another faith means that our response may be all the more truly Christian—an outpouring of Christ-like sympathy for no other reason than that men are in need.

At the same time, we need to recall that not all these refugees are Jews. According to the estimate of James G. McDonald, the High Commissioner appointed by the League of Nations, fourteen per cent of the refugees are non-Jews—many of them professional men and former political leaders of the highest character. Some of them are Christian people who have been deprived of their positions because they had a Jewish parent or grand-parent. There are even Christian clergymen among them.

Up to the present time the funds for relief have come almost entirely from Jewish sources. In England, however, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, with the coöperation of Free Church leaders, have issued an appeal for help. We rejoice especially in the recent creation of an "American Christian Committee for German Refugees," under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, and we bespeak a generous response to its appeal. Contributions will be gratefully received at 289 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Christianity and Economics

By Hon. Daniel C. Roper

Secretary of Commerce of the United States

IT IS an interesting thing in the history of man, as well as in the history of individuals, that relatively few people are cognizant at the right time of new tides of opportunity. Let me illustrate. I was born in an agricultural era, characterized by the definite feeling on the part of the majority of the people that agriculture was the basic and controlling industry. One day in my early life I noticed from a statement in the *Atlanta Constitution* that, according to the headline, a new era had dawned, the editor stating that on the day before cotton had been picked in a cotton field adjoining a new cotton factory in the vicinity of Atlanta, the cotton had been ginned, carded, spun, woven into a fabric, the fabric dyed, the fabric cut into a suit of clothes, tailored and worn to a ball on the same night of the day the cotton was gathered from the field. The newspaper article went on to state, "A new industrial era takes precedence over agriculture." However, relatively few people in the agricultural era, at least in my locality, sensed this situation and the manufacturing industry went largely to other localities.

While in Washington thirty years later, the Secretary of the Treasury called a group of bankers to his office from New York, told them that the World War had to be financed, and asked their suggestions as to how it could be done. These bankers stated that they would have to take the bonds as they had done on previous occasions when the Government needed to be assisted in its finances and be given a rate of interest. This greatly displeased the Secretary of the Treasury and he stated that he would take the matter to the people and get the people to buy the bonds. The bankers laughed at the idea, but the Secretary did take the matter to the people, sold them the bonds, and initiated a bond and security mindedness on the part of the people. A new era had dawned. This era, uncontrolled as to greed and selfish aggrandizement, exploded in 1929.

We are now in another era—what shall it be called? Let us hope that it may justify some terminology of stabilized control that will recognize the fact that, after all, the proper human relationship makes man essentially and necessarily his "Brother's Keeper." This conception of government conforms to the principles of social and economic stability enunciated by the great Nazarene two thousand years ago. While we all know that Christ did not discuss the technique of economics, we do know that through His teachings He gave expression to human motives and human values that must underlie any just economic and social system. His doctrines emphasized the service for the common good as against that of self-seeking advantage. True Christianity is founded upon the principle of mutual aid and

seeks unselfish coöperation as against selfish individualism.

The Federal Government is endeavoring to work out economic and social control in business through a series of regulations called codes which have for their purpose the establishment of an equitable condition with maximum benefits and minimum inequalities for all concerned—an effort to give all an opportunity to live and enjoy reasonable opportunities in life. Equal-handed justice must be sought for the laborer, the capitalist, the industrialist, and all other agencies having a place in our social life.

The most important function in the whole procession, however, is the creation and maintenance of a proper attitude toward life—a proper responsibility as between man and man. The religious and civic organizations must assume important responsibilities in this work. We need a "code" in such organizations that will look to the establishment of necessary coöperation and defend against unfair practices just as is attempted under the codes for business. The Federation of Churches looks in this direction as it undertakes to bring the churches into effective coöperation and stress the fundamental principles for which the Nazarene stood and for which humanity is sorely in need.

A New Conference on Worship

One of the features of the summer program at Silver Bay, N. Y., is a new Conference on Worship, to be held August 10-17. A directing committee, consisting of Rev. John L. Caughey of Glens Falls, N. Y.; Rt. Rev. Ernest M. Stires, Bishop of Long Island, and Rev. Earl L. Douglass, of Germantown, Pa., is in charge of the program.

The program includes "The Bible in Worship," by Dr. Charles R. Erdman of Princeton; "Preaching and Worship," by Dr. George Walter Fisk of Oberlin; "The Place of Music in the Church" and "Drama and Pageantry in Worship," by Dr. John Finley Williamson, assisted by the Westminster Choir. The conference will have a fitting climax in the great Hymn Festival led by Dr. Williamson with the choir and an orchestra, on August 19, when several hundred voices are expected to participate in the first annual Silver Bay Music Festival.

The Federal Council's Committee on Worship is deeply interested in the conference and hopes it may become a permanent feature of the Silver Bay program. Ministers and others who desire to attend can secure detailed information from Charles R. Towson, Director, Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, N. Y.

A Concrete Peace Program for the Churches

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL of the Churches, by action of its Executive Committee, is now recommending to the churches of the United States a peace program which is intended to be an interpretation, from the Christian standpoint, of the steps that should now be taken by our own and other governments to prevent war and to further international goodwill. The Council reaffirms its belief that "the churches of Christ around the world should with all possible dispatch say to their respective governments that they cannot and will not give their moral support to war as a method of settling international difficulties," and specifically declares its conviction:

"1. That the United States should press upon the nations the multi-lateral pact of non-aggression suggested by President Roosevelt by which each nation would pledge itself not to send its military forces across the boundary of other nations.

"2. That the President should be authorized to place an embargo on arms, munitions, and credits to nations that send their military forces across the boundary line of other nations, or propose to do so.

"3. That the arms and munitions industry should be placed under government control and that the United States should join with other nations in exercising strict control of the international traffic in arms and munitions.

"4. That the President and Congress should be urged to withhold appropriations required for carrying out the naval building program authorized in the Vinson Naval Bill.

"5. That the nations should completely abolish all weapons designed primarily for aggressive purposes and provide for a comprehensive system of international armaments control.

"6. That the nations should completely renounce, except for strictly police purposes, all military and naval aviation and should coöperate in the establishment of international supervision of commercial aviation in order to prevent its illegitimate use for military purposes.

"7. That the United States should promptly join the World Court and should define the terms upon which it would be willing officially to relate itself to the League of Nations.

"8. That reciprocal tariff agreements should be negotiated by the United States with other nations and that the United States in coöperation with other governments should deal with all the economic issues that are causing international difficulty, suspicion, and hostility, with a view to removing the causes that make for war."

A copy of this declaration has been transmitted to President Roosevelt, to Secretary of State Hull and to the heads of the various denominations.

Dr. Goodell Honored for Leadership

AN "APPRECIATION DINNER" in recognition of the evangelistic leadership of Dr. Charles L. Goodell in the Federal Council for the last sixteen years was held at the Riverside Church, New York, on the evening of May 15. The occasion was an impressive testimony to the influence which Dr. Goodell has had in all denominations and in all parts of the country in strengthening the evangelistic impulse and insistently emphasizing the spiritual note in all the work of the Church.

The ministry was represented by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, all of whom spoke in glowing terms of the unique service which Dr. Goodell had rendered.

Laymen were represented by Honorable Jesse H. Jones, of Houston, Texas, Chairman of the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the Federal Government. Recalling the way in which his own life had been influenced by Dr. Goodell's preaching, Mr. Jones said in part:

"I have followed your course during these years with interest and admiration. The world has been in a turmoil the greater part of the time. Men and women throughout the land have had their very souls tried, and have not always known which way to turn.

"You have shown many of us the way, not only by your teaching and your prayers, but by your example, and your own great faith. You have walked with God as few have been permitted to walk with Him, and you have kept the faith.

"There was never a period in our history when Christianity and the teachings of Christ were more necessary to our welfare than in this day.

"Twenty years ago the world was drawn into a terrible struggle between nations, and humanity paid a terrific price for the madness of a few men.

"Five years ago we started upon another tragic period but of an entirely different nature. The cause, however, of both of these great human struggles was largely the same—greed, ambition and lust for power.

"In the great World War, we were given a leader who raised our hopes and ideals to heights seldom attained—the immortal Woodrow Wilson. This great leader was a man of God and believed in prayer.

"In our present confusion we are given another great leader, spiritual and political, in whom the hopes and aspirations of all the people are centered—Franklin D. Roosevelt. He, too, believes in God and in prayer.

"The one, although opposed to war, used the resources and man-power of our great country to wage war in the interest of everlasting peace. The other is using the resources and reserves of our great country to fight depression and starvation and human misery.

"In this fight President Roosevelt needs the prayers of all Christendom, as he needs the unselfish coöperation of all people, regardless of creed or of politics.

"If I should utter a prayer to-night, it would be that the leaders of men in all walks and in all lands ask, on bended knee, for a higher sense of their responsibilities to God and their fellow-man; that their hearts be purged of greed, of selfishness, and of hate; that they be given the will and the spirit to recognize the rights of others; that they have a better understanding of the happiness and satisfaction that come from a literal application of the Golden Rule, and that they walk more closely with God."

Franklin Dunham, Director of Educational and Religious Broadcasting for the National Broadcasting Co., paid a tribute to Dr. Goodell as a radio preacher whose ministry over the air has been a blessing to countless people unreached by the ordinary work of the churches.

The staff of the Federal Council of Churches was represented by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary, and Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Associate Secretary of the Department of Evangelism. Dr. Bader presented to Dr. Goodell a handsome volume bound in leather, containing letters of appreciation from more

than three hundred of Dr. Goodell's friends. The illuminated fly-leaf of the volume read as follows:

CHARLES LE ROY GOODELL

Man of God, man among men, prince of the pulpit, beloved pastor and friend, herald of the evangel for over half a century in hamlet, town and city; with singular graces and gifts of mind, imagination and spirit; tireless in his toil for the Church of Christ; able administrator, zealous leader, inspiring author, esteemed,

Honored and Loved

by an unnumbered multitude;

crowned in the councils of the entire Church as the winsome, present-day apostle of a seeking Saviour; creator of radio "Sabbath Reveries" into which millions of listeners have entered with rapt appreciation—to him upon the threshold of his fourscore years this tribute of

Goodwill, Esteem and Affection

is inscribed and presented.

Announcement was made that some friends of Dr. Goodell, desiring both to honor him and to perpetuate his work, are initiating a "Charles L. Goodell Evangelistic Fund." The purpose of the fund will be to guarantee that at the center of coöperative Protestantism in the Federal Council, there will always be a successor to Dr. Goodell in carrying on the evangelistic emphasis. A first gift of \$1,000 to the fund was announced.

Reviewing his ministry as pastor-evangelist, evangelistic leader in the Federal Council and radio preacher, Dr. Goodell gave special recognition to the fact that the movement of Christian coöperation which the Federal Council represents had made it possible for him to serve Protestantism as a whole in a way that would otherwise have been impossible.

Dr. Swartz Joins Council's Staff

AS A MEANS of strengthening the financial resources of the Federal Council, the Executive Committee has elected Rev. Philip Allen Swartz, D.D., pastor of the First Congregational Church of LaGrange, Ill., to a secretaryship in the Council. Dr. Swartz has accepted the position and is now beginning his work with the Council. Dr. Swartz's responsibility will not be to any special department but to the Council as a whole. He will devote his efforts especially to building up an increased appreciation of the significance of the Council for American Protestantism and the Christian movement throughout the world.

Dr. Swartz, who is now forty-five years old, graduated from Lafayette College with highest honors, being elected to Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of his scholarship. His *Alma Mater* conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1927.

For four years following his college work he was a secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, traveling among the educational institutions of the country

in the interest of enlistment of life for missionary service. He then went to Russia in the interest of the Young Men's Christian Association as the organizer of the Y. M. C. A. in that country. Returning to America in 1914, he completed his training for the ministry and served as pastor at Forest Hills, L. I. In 1918, he was called to China as director of the religious work in the Peking Medical College. During his four years there he had an active part in developing the China International Famine Relief Commission and served for a time as its personnel director. Returning to this country again in 1922, Dr. Swartz became co-pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N. Y. In 1925, he was called to the Central Union Church in Honolulu, the leading church in Hawaii, where he remained until 1930, when he became the minister of the First Congregational Church of LaGrange, Ill., in the suburban area of Chicago.

Dr. Swartz has had first-hand experience in church federation work in Rochester, Honolulu, and Chicago. In Honolulu he was the president of the Federation of

Churches. He has also been associated with the Federal Council as a member of its Department of International Justice and Goodwill.

The coming of Dr. Swartz to the Council does not increase the size of its staff, since Rev. Charles C. Cole

resigned on April 15 and became the pastor of Grace Methodist Church, New York. Friends of the Federal Council are gratified at the strong reinforcement of the Council's leadership which will be brought through Dr. Swartz.

World Goodwill Day Observed

THE OBSERVANCE of World Goodwill Day is growing throughout the world, thanks to the guidance of the World Federation of Education Associations.

The children of Wales have the honor of taking the lead in broadcasting World Goodwill Messages to the children of other lands. Each year, beginning in 1922, they have done this—using not only British broadcasting facilities but the great Eiffel Tower in France. In 1933, responses were received from every continent and from seventy countries.

Last year the Committee on World Friendship Among Children invited boys and girls throughout the United States to write World Goodwill Messages. From the many thousands written, two were selected, one to represent the children of the grade schools and the other those of junior high schools. These were sent out for publication and broadcasting in this and other lands. The 1934 Message from American boys and girls as chosen by the National Committee of selection, of which Dr. Augustus O. Thomas was chairman, was written by Mary Bonsal, 12 years of age, of the Swarthmore (Pa.) Junior High School, and reads:

"Greetings!

"We in America have been studying about all of you at

school and have learned that many things which we enjoy come from the lands of each of you. We often sing each other's songs, and listen to music from distant places. We like to play the same games. Every country has stories of adventure which thrill us, and strange tales at which we laugh together.

"Our radios, motors, airplanes and ocean-liners are bringing us closer together. These great inventions have come not from any one country, but have been worked out by people in many different lands building on each other's discoveries.

"As we appreciate the benefits received from one another, we will come to feel more and more that we are one big family, in fact one great neighborhood. We will not think of war or even of preparations for war, but will work together to make a happier world."

On World Goodwill Day, Dr. Thomas broadcast an interesting children's program from Washington, D. C., over a coast to coast network and also by long and short wave lengths. This made the program audible throughout this hemisphere and also in Europe. The 1934 Goodwill Messages from Wales and from the United States were included as parts of the program. Many schools all over the country, either before or after their own local Goodwill Day programs, listened in to this program and gained an increased world outlook as a result.

Support for Protesting Pastors in Germany

STRONG SUPPORT of the protesting pastors in Germany and a clear intimation that the Federal Council cannot permanently recognize the present German church administration unless it makes radical changes in policy, is expressed by Rev. Dr. Albert W. Beaven, President of the Federal Council, in a letter sent on May 16 to the English Bishop of Chichester, who is President of the Universal Christian Council, which unites the churches of the various nations in their approach to the German church situation. The text of Dr. Beaven's letter on the subject in part is as follows:

"I am profoundly sympathetic with your statement that the Christian churches outside of Germany are compelled more and more to associate themselves with the protesting group who at all costs have maintained inviolate their loyalty to Our Lord and to the one holy Universal Church, of which He alone is the leader

and which must forever exclude from its life racial and national distinctions, party formulæ and forceful coercion of conscience.

"We have increasingly felt that we cannot permanently recognize a church administration in Germany which denies the very fundamentals of the Gospel and is at variance with the historic expression of church life. We are profoundly thankful that the growing number of opposition Protestants in Germany makes it possible for us to take this position without seeming to disavow our German brethren. Nothing is further from our thought than to appear to associate ourselves with the anti-German attitude so widespread at the moment. Of course, Your Grace will realize that such distinction as we make is not directed against Germans but against those who in an excess of political and nationalistic zeal, perhaps unwittingly, are blasting at the very foundations of the Church."

Honors Awarded in Peace Essay Contest

MISS ARA GOLMON of Brookhaven, Miss., has been awarded the first prize in the peace essay contest sponsored by the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill. The second prize went to Miss Gladden Haskell of Bartlesville, Okla., and the third to Miss Eugenia Hawkins of Salisbury, Mo. More than forty other supplementary prizes were given. The judges were Dr. Mary E. Woolley, President of Mount Holyoke College; Dr. Albert W. Beaven, President of the Federal Council, and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York.

The Department of International Justice and Goodwill invited the youth of the churches to interview their adult friends on the peace and war problem. Hundreds of young people responded. The following were among the questions put to the older folks: What is war? Why is war declared? Is war inevitable? Should the United States coöperate with other nations for the reduction of armaments? What steps should the United States take to insure peace? Essays were written in interpretation of the answers given.

The young people who participated in this project

were practically unanimous in their conviction that war is not inevitable, that peace can be attained if the mind is rid of the haunting obsession that wars are fore-ordained by the nature of things. These young people also felt that the United States should coöperate with other nations for the reduction of armaments and for the strengthening of the world's peace machinery.

Miss Golmon concluded her prize-winning essay with the following: "It is the duty of the Christian churches and the public schools to shape the ideals of Youth, who to-morrow will rule the world; for it is through this channel that disarmament must be accomplished. To instill in the hearts of children a wholesome patriotism, based not upon revenge, envy, hatred, and jealousy, but upon love of God and country, and pride in the achievements of the human race . . . this should be the foremost desire of every Christian to forward the cause of Peace until there prevails Tennyson's 'brotherhood of man' feeling . . .

" 'Till the war-drums throb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were fur'd

In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.' "

New Radio Schedule

The schedule of radio programs sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches for the summer months is as follows:

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

10:00-10:30 A. M., over WEA and the Red Network
Dr. Charles L. Goodell from May 27 to September 30.

1:30- 2:00 P. M., over WJZ and the Blue Network
Dr. Ralph W. Sockman during May, June and July
Dr. Frederick K. Stamm during August, September and October.

5:00- 5:30 P. M., over WJZ and the Blue Network
Dr. F. H. Knubel and Dr. Paul E. Scherer from June 3 to September 30.

On Saturdays during June, July and August, at 7:15-7:30 P. M., over WEA and the Red Network, Dr. William Hiram Foulkes will conduct a new program to be known as "Homespun."

The Radio Morning Devotions continue as hitherto at eight o'clock every weekday morning over WJZ and the Blue Network, and the Midweek Hymn Sing each Tuesday at 6:30 P. M., over WEA and the Red Network.

All periods as listed above are broadcast on Eastern Daylight Time.

Central Bureau Meets in Edinburgh

For the first time in its history, the International Committee of the Central Bureau for Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe will meet, not on the Continent, but across the Channel. On the invitation of the Church of Scotland, it will assemble in Edinburgh, July 20-25. Dr. J. Macdonald Webster is in charge of the arrangements.

The foreign delegates will be lodged in the Women's Missionary College, where the business sessions of the conference will also be held. Dr. Adolf Keller, the Director of the Central Bureau, reports that a program of unusual interest has been prepared and that important issues affecting the future of Christian work in Europe will be considered.

The American Office of the Central Bureau joins in extending a cordial invitation to Americans who may be in Great Britain during July to attend the sessions and participate in the program as far as practicable. Full information can be had by writing to Miss Antonia H. Frøndt, 289 Fourth Ave., New York.

The Scottish churches have been a bulwark to Continental Protestantism for generations. They were among the first to rouse the Christian world to bring aid to the oppressed Waldensians; they were the only ones who did not break off diplomatic relations with all their fellow-churches of the Central Powers during the War, having successfully maintained their traditional friendship with the Magyar Reformed Church through thick and thin.

Estes Park Plans

The Estes Park Conference Grounds of the Young Men's Christian Association, a beautiful property in the Colorado mountains surrounded on three sides by the Rocky Mountain National Park, are an ideal meeting-place for those interested in religious work and social welfare. This summer the uses of the property will be very much widened and it will be made a center for adult education. There will be art exhibits and concerts by leading musicians. National Park rangers will take those who are interested on nature walks and there will be outdoor campfires in the evening. Early in the summer, a conference of football and basketball coaches will be held under the leadership of Dana X. Bible, well known as the coach of the University of Nebraska team, and Dr. "Phog" Allen, of the University of Kansas. The Hazen Conference will meet on the Grounds in August. There will be many conferences throughout the summer of student, denominational, Y. M. C. A. and industrial groups. The meetings and activities of these conferences will generally be open to those staying on the Grounds.

An administration building provides the business and social center of the Grounds. An assembly hall and individual cottages are available for large conference meetings or for smaller groups. A restaurant furnishes excellent meals. There is a kindergarten where mothers may leave their children under experienced teachers. Cottages can be rented at very low rates, and many camping sites are available. Here is a unique opportunity for combining cultural and educational activity, congenial companionship and the inspiration of beautiful surroundings.

In an attempt to reorganize the property so as to make its facilities available to as many people as possible, Mr. Herbert E. Evans has taken over the position of Managing Director, without cost to the Conference. Mr. Evans is the Counsellor to Protestant Students at Columbia University, and his services have been loaned by the University to the Y. M. C. A. for this purpose. Inquiries about the Conference may be made to Mr. Evans, c/o Estes Park Conference, Estes Park, Colo.

In Honor of Sunday-School Teachers

Under the chairmanship of William T. Ellis, a "National Recognition Day for Sunday-School Teachers" has been initiated. October 6, 1934, has been designated as the day for simultaneous nation-wide observances. The sole aim is to pay a tribute to the two million Sunday-school teachers of the land. A mass meeting and a Sunday-school parade are proposed for every community. Interested pastors or laymen are urged to take the initiative in their own communities, setting up a local committee and securing suggestions from the National Executive Committee, whose address is American Sunday School Union Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Council Observes Spurgeon Centennial

Dr. George W. Truett, minister of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, addressed a great meeting in New York on May 8 in recognition of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Haddon Spurgeon. The meeting, held under the auspices of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism with the coöperation of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, took place at the historic Marble Collegiate Church with a capacity audience. The presiding officer was Dr. W. S. Abernethy, Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism. Dr. Truett's address was his first public utterance on his return from his participation in the mammoth Spurgeon celebration held in Albert Hall, London, on April 21, with Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald presiding.

Dr. Truett described Spurgeon as "the outstanding preacher of the nineteenth century" and also as "probably the most *Pauline* preacher since apostolic times." Dr. Truett used the centennial occasion, not merely for the purpose of interpreting the greatness of Spurgeon's ministry, but also for emphasizing "the great truths which explain Spurgeon's power and which we need to take to heart to-day."

Dr. Truett magnified the Christian pulpit, as exemplified in Spurgeon, and declared that "the halcyon days of Christianity have been the days of faithful and persuasive preaching." Analyzing the secret of Spurgeon's spiritual influence, Dr. Truett laid special emphasis upon the note of positiveness with which Spurgeon spoke and his concentration upon the "majestic themes" like the sovereignty of God, Christ as Saviour, the forgiveness of sins, the power of the Cross. The crowning characteristic of Spurgeon's ministry, in Dr. Truett's opinion, was "the seeking note" and Dr. Truett held that "the supreme indictment that can be brought against any preacher is that the seeking note is gone."

Lynching or the Law?

A new pamphlet entitled "I Have Been Proud Always to Be an American. And Yet" has just been published by the Federal Council's Department of Race Relations. It is designed to serve as an educational document in arousing the people of the churches to a clearer understanding of the gravity of the lynching evil and to an appreciation of the part which they may play in making lynching a thing of the past.

Copies of the pamphlet can be had from the Federal Council at three cents a copy; \$2.50 per hundred.

New Leadership in Toledo

Rev. Harlan M. Frost, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio, has been elected Executive Secretary of the Toledo Council of Churches. Dr. Frost has been for some years Chairman of the Social Service Department of that Council.

Coöperation in Church Architecture

The Home Mission and Church Erection Boards constituent to the Home Missions Council are establishing a joint Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, beginning June 1. This is the consummation of plans that have been under consideration for several years and is one more demonstration of the spirit of coöperation.

The plan provides for a national director and a number of consulting architects located in strategic centers throughout the country. The Bureau will be under the administrative control of a committee of seven men, with Rev. Carlos M. Dinsmore of the American Baptist Home Mission Society as Chairman and Rev. F. W. Mueller of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as Secretary. The other members are: Rev. R. S. Showers, United Brethren; Rev. J. H. Booth, Disciples; Rev. T. D. Ellis, Methodist Episcopal, South; Rev. A. B. Keeler, Presbyterian, U. S. A.; Rev. E. M. Halliday, Congregational.

The Committee has elected Rev. Elbert M. Conover, of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the director of the new Bureau, with headquarters in the Home Missions Council offices, 105 East 22d St., New York.

Three consulting architects, who have been connected with their respective mission boards, were elected as consulting architects of the new Interdenominational Bureau. They are: Mr. A. F. Wickes (Disciples), Missions Building, Indianapolis; Mr. H. M. King (Methodist Episcopal, South), 1115 Fourth Ave., Louisville; Mr. T. M. Sundt (Methodist Episcopal), Philadelphia. They will continue their headquarters in their present locations and will serve, within their areas, churches of all denominations desiring their help. Other consulting architects will no doubt be added from time to time in other sections. The Bureau will be a service agency for the whole Church.

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From the standpoint of editing, the hymnal is an impressive and dignified work. Most hymnals issued at a low price contain so-called "gospel songs" whose religious content and musical quality both leave much to be desired. Bishop Thirkield's selections are made exclusively from the truly great hymns whose abiding value has been tested by accepted usage in the major Christian communions. The best of the newer hymns, especially those revealing Christian social vision, also find a place, such as Dr. North's "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," and Dr. Bowie's "O Holy City Seen of John," and Dr. Merrill's "Rise Up, O Men of God."

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Labor Sunday Message

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Legal Justice for the Poor

An important advance in legal justice and social welfare promises to be made as a result of the so-called "poor man's courts" (small claims courts, to use the official name) which are to be set up in New York City on September 1 as a result of recommendations made by the State Commission on the Administration of Justice and now enacted into law. The total cost of a case in the new court, which has jurisdiction in controversies involving not more than \$50.00, is \$1.25, and no attorney is necessary. The Secretary of the Commission, Harry D. Nims, a prominent New York lawyer, who sees in the measure new possibilities for poor people to secure justice, describes its significance as follows:

"The most important fact about these courts has not yet been told. If our courts are to play their proper part in our complicated life, they must be so conducted

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